of tribal people in the country, including the North Eastern region. The list of Schemes/Programmes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, being implemented in the country, including the North Eastern Region, is given in the Statement. Refer to the Statement appended to the answer of unstarred Question No. 739.

Development of Towns

†742. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the National Urban Renewal Mission a scheme has been chalked out by Government for development of towns;

(b) if so, the extent of population of the towns to be developed under this Mission;

(c) the number of towns which would be developed under this plan and the time taken for such developments;

(d) the regions planned to be developed under this Mission; and

(e) the estimated expenditure for implementation of the entire plan?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) There is proposal to establish National Urban Renewal Mission in order to provide reform linked Central assistance to select cities for infrastructural development. Details of the Mission have not been finalised.

Unification of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

743. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to bring the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of infrastructure development in mega cities and Integrated Development of Small and Medium Town scheme under one umbrella;

(b) if so, whether the unified schemes would push forward reforms agenda, and the State Governments desirous of accessing funds under scheme have to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the centre;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to implement all schemes?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) There is a proposal to formulate a scheme in order to provide reform linked Central assistance for infrastructural development of all cities and towns in the country. Details of the scheme have not been finalised.

Homeless People in Delhi

744. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 1,40,000 homeless in the Capital city Delhi without any shelter;

(b) whether around one per cent of population is homeless in the city; and

(c) what is Government's action plan to provide shelters to these homeless specially women and children?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that as per Census 2001, the number of houseless persons in Delhi was 24,966, which is estimated to be 0.18 per cent of population of Delhi.

(c) Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation, Govt. of India, has started a scheme called Night Shelter for Urban Shelterless which covers all urban centres having concentration of footpath dwellers/homeless. Under this scheme, a Central Govt. subsidy @50% of the cost of construction subject to cost ceiling of Rs. 20,000/- per bed is provided through HUDCO. The balance is required to be arranged by the State Govt./Implementing Agency. The progress of the Scheme depends on the proposals mooted by the state.

Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that the Draft Master Plan of Delhi-2021 also places emphasis on provisions for homeless in the form of night shelter, women's hostels, orphanage, children centre etc.